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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES CINDY GAMRAT AND TODD COURSER

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

10:30 a.m.

352 State Capitol Building

Representative Ed McBroom, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives McBroom, Heise, VerHeulen, LaFontaine, Chirkun, Liberati.

Representative Heise moved to adopt the minutes from the Tuesday, September 1, 2015 meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members appointed to serving on the committee.

Chair McBroom gave an opening statement before the committee.

Representative Cindy Gamrat requested and was granted the opportunity to testify before the Committee.

Chair McBroom administered the oath to Representative Gamrat.

Representative Gamrat and her attorney, Mike Nichols, appeared before the Committee. Representative Gamrat made a statement to the committee.

Representative Heise moved to enter the written statement submitted by Representative Gamrat into the committee record as Exhibit 1. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members appointed to and serving on the committee.

Brock Swartzle, Chief of Staff and General Counsel for the House of Representatives, and Tim Bowlin, House Business Office Director, were called to testify before the Committee.

Chair McBroom administered the oath to Mr. Swartzle and Mr. Bowlin.

Representative Heise moved to enter the Report on the Investigation of Alleged Misconduct by Representative Todd Courser and Representative Cindy Gamrat (redacted) into the committee record as Exhibit 2. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members appointed to and serving on the committee.

Representative Heise moved to enter the Combined Statement of the House Business Office and the Office of General Counsel, Michigan House of Representatives into the committee record as Exhibit 3. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members elected and serving on the committee.

Mr. Swartzle gave an overview of the House's investigation into the alleged misconduct by Representatives Cindy Gamrat and Todd Courser.

Mr. Bowlin provided details of evidence found by the House Business Office investigation into the alleged misconduct by Representatives Cindy Gamrat and Todd Courser.

Mr. Swartzle described and detailed the findings of the House Business Office investigation into the alleged misconduct by Representatives Cindy Gamrat and Todd Courser.

Representative Heise moved to enter the written statement submitted by Representative Courser into the committee record as Exhibit 4. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members appointed to and serving on the committee.

Chair McBroom placed the Committee at ease, the time being 12:07 p.m.

Chair McBroom called the meeting back to order, the time being 1:07 p.m.

Representative Gamrat and Mr. Nichols returned to answer questions from the Committee members.

With no further business to come before the committee at this time, Representative Heise moved to adjourn the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Ed McBroom, Chair

House Select Committee to Examine the Qualifications of Representatives Cindy Gamrat and Todd Courser

Date approved by the Committee

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